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Concerning FM 730 North:

Yesterday, Boyd City Administrator Greg Arrington and I met with TxDOT officials at their Decatur office concerning our recent Resolution. The Resolution, passed by the Boyd City Council declared that FM 730 N was a safety concern and requested TxDOT to immediately take action addressing the issue. Attending the meeting for TxDOT was their Lead Engineer for Wise and Jack counties, The Communications Director for North Texas, and The Director of Transportation and Development for the Fort Worth District.

I have to say that Greg and I were cautiously optimistic when we saw TxDOT crews already working on leveling the shoulders on FM 730N on our way to Decatur.

Greg and I started out telling them each our histories with FM 730N and the tragedies that we have lived through over the years. We also informed them that there was a petition that had over 2500 signatures on it requesting safety improvements for FM 730N. We informed them that the City of Decatur, and the Decatur School Board had also passed Resolutions identical to ours bringing to light the safety concerns on FM 730N for their citizens, and that another Resolution will be presented to the Boyd School Board for their passage as well. We also let them know that Wise County had recently updated their short and long term Transportation Plans to include immediate safety upgrades to FM 730N. We also let them know that we have been in contact with District 30's Texas State Senator Pat Fallon and that he assured us he would do everything within his power to help us, and them, get their projects moved up to immediately address the safety concerns.

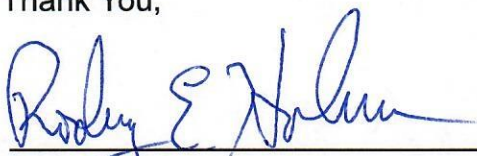
The meeting was productive, here are the highlights of the meeting:

- We assured TxDOT that we were there to fully support them in getting their future projects for FM 730N funded and underway as soon as possible. They informed us that the funding for those projects are already locked in and cannot be spent for anything else.

- They informed us that Wise County is now part of a special funding program for the Metroplex and that they felt there would be money in this program to help get these projects moved up.
- They informed us that the shoulder leveling that is taking place right now is just a temporary fix and that the two projects on their agenda would include widening of the roadway with permanent shoulders and turn lanes where needed.
- They informed us that they have already hired an outside consultant for these projects. We informed them that our engineer is already working on the Trinity River crossing for our Capital Improvement Program for water upgrades and that we wanted them to coordinate with him so that no work will have to be done twice. We also offered to share any engineering data that we already have. They were very receptive to that and offered the same and promised to coordinate with our engineer.
- The question was asked about replacing the two culverts just north of the river bridge and raising the road base to keep the road from being closed due to flooding. We were informed that was already in the project engineering. The culverts will be replaced with a bridge structure and the road will be raised.

Again, the meeting was very positive and productive. We informed them that we would keep an open line of communication with them to do everything we can to make sure these projects get completed ASAP as there have been too many lives lost already. There will be more updates in the near future. Communication is the name of the game as they say.

Thank You,



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